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Experience

May 2003 – Present

Principal Deputy Associate Administrator

Office of Policy (OP)

Office of the Administrator

U.S. EPA, Washington, DC

Current Supervisor: Michael Goo

- **Works with the Associate Administrator in leading the Office of Policy (OP).** OP is comprised of four sub-offices that are responsible for: (1) the Agency's regulatory development process; (2) economic analysis and research; (3) promoting the sustainable design of communities and buildings; and (4) addressing emerging issues and program management. As the Principal DAA, I work with the Associate Administrator to oversee these offices by setting goals, strategic plans and priorities; managing work processes and products; and overseeing budget, personnel and accountability systems.
- **Assists EPA's Deputy Administrator with program management, evaluation, and analysis of program effectiveness and performance.** I support the Agency's Deputy Administrator on a number of program management tasks including management of the Executive Management Council and its subcommittees, overseeing the staffing for program update meetings, and the development of the Agency Strategic Plan and accountability systems. I also assist the Deputy Administrator in overseeing programs devoted to cross-cutting issues such as community-based environmental protection.
- **Leads or assists in overseeing OP's analyses and positions with respect to a number of rules.** To oversee OP's contributions to the development of rules, the Associate Administrator delegates the oversight responsibility for a number of rulemaking actions to the Principal DAA and the political DAA. For example, I am now responsible for overseeing our staff's work on all tier 2 rules under development in OCSPP. I also have responsibility for a select number of rules under development in OW, OSWER, OAR, OEI and OECA.
- **Serves on numerous committees of the career Deputy Assistant Administrators and Deputy Regional Administrators.** I serve on DAA-level committees related to Indian Policy, Environmental Justice, Chesapeake Bay, International Activities, Sustainable Products; and I chair a DAA-level committee on Green Buildings. I also chair several subcommittees of the Executive Management Council, including the Agenda subcommittee and the One EPA subcommittee.
- **Provides leadership on Environmental Justice Issues and Products.** I worked with OEJ and OCSPP's DAA in leading the effort to develop a rule-writers' guide for

incorporating environmental justice issues into EPA's rulemaking process. I am now assisting OP's Associate Administrator in overseeing the development of a tool for screening areas of potential EJ concern and a new technical document to provide rule-writers with more in-depth guidance on environmental justice analyses.

- **Served as the Agency's Transition Official for the last change in Administrations.** I formed a DAA-level committee and developed a six-part plan devoted to assuring a smooth transition and the continuance of operations as leadership in the former administration resigned and new leaders were brought in to take their place.

Nov. 2002 – May 2003

Chief of Staff (SES rotation)

Office of Water (OW)

U.S. EPA, Washington, DC

Supervisors: Mike Shapiro (b) (6)

- Served as Chief of Staff to the AA and Deputy AA and managed the Office of Water's Immediate Office staff
- Helped OW's AA communicate and track priorities
- Created and led new Watershed Management Council
- Organized and facilitated quarterly Regional Division Director meetings and bimonthly conference calls
- Worked with state organizations on streamlining and cost saving ideas
- Met regularly with outside constituents about AA priorities
- Served as Deputy AA's alternate on steering committees
- Participated in decision-making with respect to all water issues, including issues pertaining to criteria and standards, effluent guidelines, permits, wetlands, ocean dumping, monitoring, TMDLs, wet-weather issues, nonpoint sources and watershed management

Sept. 2001 – May 2002

Aug. 1996 – Jan. 1997

Acting Deputy Office Director (Two Details)

Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watershed (OWOW)

Office of Water (OW)

U.S EPA, Washington, DC

Supervisor: Robert Wayland (b) (6)

- Assisted Office Director in managing OWOW
- Directly managed Watershed Approach agenda
- Represented office at external conferences and meetings
- Supervised budget development and execution
- Supervised immediate-office staff responsible for human resources, facilities, information technology, budget, accountability systems, communications, outreach, and cross-cutting policy issues on coastal, marine, estuaries, wetlands, monitoring, nonpoint sources, TMDLs, and watershed management.

- Participated on EPA and Water Office task forces and steering committees, including the Information Management Steering Committee, OW Management Council, OD's Pollution Prevention Steering Committee, GPRA Goal teams and workgroups, and OW Program Integration Team
- Chaired OWOW's Management Council
- Assisted Director in managing high priority issues and projects pertaining to impaired watersheds, monitoring, nonpoint sources, wetlands, and coastal and estuarine waters
- Had direct responsibility for managing budget initiatives, such as the Watershed Initiative

May 2001 – Aug. 2001 (Detail)

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Science and Technology (OST)

Office of Water (OW)

U.S. EPA, Washington, DC

Supervisor: Geoff Grubbs

- Served as Director's alter ego
- Represented OST at external conferences and high-level meetings
- Supervised immediate-office staff
- Assisted staff on rule packages related to water quality standards, nutrient criteria, sludge management, cooling water intake requirements, effluent guidelines
- Participated on Information management, Pollution Prevention Steering Committees
- Served as OST contact on high priority issues related to strategic planning, innovations, regulatory reform, agriculture, and energy
- Managed Office in Office Director's absence

Jan. 1997 – Nov. 2002

April 1991 – Aug. 1996

Director, Policy, Communications, and Resource Management Staff (PCRMS)

Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds (OWOW)

U.S. EPA, Washington, DC

Supervisor: Robert Wayland (b) (6)

- Supervised immediate-office staff
- Responsible for cross-cutting policy, human resources, budget, accountability systems, computer technology, facilities, communications, and outreach
- Responsible for defining and promoting the Watershed Approach
- Chaired Watershed Framework Action Team under the Clean Water Action Plan
- Designed and managed EPA's contributions to the American Heritage Rivers Program
- Assisted in designing EPA's Community-Based Environmental Protection Program
- Captain for Office of Water's GPRA watershed goal team
- Organized Water Camp 2001
- Represented Office Director on policy issues related to TMDLs, nonpoint sources, monitoring, wetlands, and coastal and marine waters

Nov. 1988 – April 1991

Deputy Director, Office of Marine and Estuarine Protection (OMEP)

Office of Water (OW)
U.S. EPA, Washington, DC
Supervisor: Tudor Davies

- Served as Office Director's alter ego
- Assisted Office Director in managing EPA's marine programs including the National Estuary Program, Ocean Dumping Program, and Near Coastal Waters Program
- Responsible for setting up EPA's Alaska Restoration Task Force following the Exxon Valdez disaster
- Directly supervised the National Estuary Program staff when previous Director resigned
- Represented Office at conferences and high-level meetings (e.g., Ocean Principals Group, Gulf of Mexico Policy Committee, and Alaska Policy Committee)
- Provided testimony to Congress concerning the restoration of Prince William Sound, Alaska
- Coordinated initiation of Near Coastal Waters Strategies in the Regions
- Supervised the development of a 5-year strategic plan for the Office

Jan. 1988 – Nov. 1988
Special Assistant
Office of the Administrator
U.S. EPA, Washington, DC
Supervisor: James Barnes

- Responsible for advising the Administrator on issues pertaining to hazardous waste laws (Superfund and RCRA)
- Managed special projects for the Deputy Administrator such as the establishment of a new Pollution Prevention Office, the assessment of EPA's waste export programs, and the assessment of federally-owned facilities
- Acted as the Administrator's liaison to the Assistant Administrators of OSWER, OECM, and ORD
- Represented the Administrator in meetings with external constituencies
- Gave numerous speeches concerning RCRA and Superfund
- Assisted the Deputy Administrator with his accountability tracking system and review meetings
- Facilitated meetings between EPA Offices to resolve disagreements
- Served as the Administrator's representative on the Enforcement Management Council and the RCRA Consistency Task Force

June 1987 – Jan. 1988
Division Director
Office of Underground Storage Tanks (OUST)
Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER)
U.S. EPA, Washington, DC
Supervisor: Ronald Brand

- Supervised promulgation of RCRA Subtitle I regulations for underground storage tanks covering tank design, installation, leak detection, closure, corrective action, financial responsibility and state programs
- Responsible for policy issues related to the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund
- Oversaw tank-related research conducted by EPA research office
- Gave numerous speeches concerning the new rules
- Served as a hearing officer at five public hearings
- Testified to the House Commerce Committee concerning financial responsibility requirements
- Managed Division budget and worked with staff to develop Division work plans and allocate resources
- Supervised two branch chiefs
- Worked with Deputy Director to develop project tracking system

Oct. 1986 – June 1987

Branch Chief

Office of Underground Storage Tanks (OUST)

Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER)

U.S. EPA, Washington, DC

Supervisor: Ronald Brand

- Responsible for developing a comprehensive set of regulations for underground storage tanks
- Supervised branch staff
- Oversaw studies by EPA's Office of Research and Development concerning technical aspects of the tank rules
- Served as EPA's spokesperson on technical issues
- Managed four teams addressing requirements pertaining to tank design, leak detection, corrective action, financial responsibility and state programs
- Served on EPA's Comparative Risk Task Force

Feb. 1986 – Oct. 1986

Program Analyst for the Assistant Administrator

Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER)

U.S. EPA, Washington, DC

Supervisor: Joan LaRock

- Advised the Assistant Administrator on underground storage tanks, solid waste rules, hazardous waste location standards, corrective action, hazardous waste tank rules, and the EPA Ground-Water Strategy
- Acted as OSWER's liaison with OMB on the above issues
- Established a workgroup within OSWER to work on the Water Office's Ground Water Strategy
- Participated on the Management Team for the Office of Underground Storage Tanks
- Assisted the Office of Solid Waste in developing rules for hazardous waste tanks

- Participated in workgroups concerning solid waste landfills and location standards

Jan. 1984 – Feb. 1986

Attorney

Office of General Counsel (OGC)

U.S. EPA, Washington, DC

Supervisor: Lisa Friedman

- EPA's attorney advisor responsible for all matters related to RCRA Subtitle I; EPA's Ground Water Strategy; RCRA Subtitle C hazardous waste tanks; RCRA location standards, container rules, and the 90-day storage rules
- Participated in agency workgroups and represented the agency in litigation concerning the above issues
- Made oral presentations to the General Counsel, Deputy Administrator, and Administrator
- Produced written products, including legal memoranda, pleadings, and opinion letters
- Gave lectures to large audiences concerning the above issues
- Served on EPA's Bhopal Task Force and chaired an interagency workgroup of attorneys to evaluate authorities to address similar disasters
- Assisted congressional staff with new RCRA legislation concerning underground tanks

Oct. 1979 – Jan. 1984

Attorney, McKenna & Cuneo Law Firm

1900 K Street NW

Washington, DC

- Litigated cases under the pesticide (FIFRA) and occupational health (OSHA) laws
- Counseled clients concerning FIFRA, TSCA, OSHA, and RCRA
- Responsible for preparing witnesses for litigation
- Coauthored a 450-page manual on pesticide regulation
- Gave lectures and wrote articles concerning FIFRA requirements
- Worked with trade associations and industry on legislative matters

Sept. 1978 – Oct. 1979

Law Clerk for the Honorable Judge John H. Pratt

United States District Court for the District of Columbia

500 Constitution Ave NW

Washington, DC

- Conducted legal research, prepared orders and drafted opinions for the Judge
- Assisted the Judge in managing over 50 pending cases

Education

Georgetown University Law Center

Washington, DC

Juris Doctor (JD) Degree

Georgetown Law Journal, Administrative Editor

Vanderbilt University

Nashville, TN

Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree

Awards:

2010 Recognition for Serving as the Agency's Transition Official

2008 Administrator's Award for Performance Management

2001 Staff Choice Award for Managerial Excellence

1999 Gold Medal for the Clean Water Action Plan (CWAP)

1999 Assistant Administrators' Certificate of Appreciation for CWAP

1998 CWAP Principals' Award

1998 Bronze Medal for American Heritage Rivers

1998 Bronze Medal for EPA's Strategic Plan

1998 Certificate of Appreciation from International Affairs

1998 Certificate of Appreciation for Water Camp

1996 Community-Based Environmental Protection Champions' Award

1994 Certificate of Appreciation for the President's Clean Water Initiative

1993 Certificate of Appreciation for Watershed 93

1993 Special Recognition Plaque for Service on EPA's Quality Improvement Board

1992 Bronze Medal for the Watershed Protection Approach

1991 Certificate of Appreciation from Office of Marine and Estuarine Protection

1990 Certificate of Appreciation for teaching Executive TQM Course

1989 Special Recognition Plaque for Serving as Special Assistant to the Administrator

1988 Gold Medal for Underground Storage Tank Rules

1988 Bronze medal for Hazardous Waste Tank Rules

1987 Gold Medal for Air Toxics Strategy

1985-present: Monetary Awards every year

Sample Publications:

-Wise, Standing to Challenge the Constitutionality of the Federal Election Campaign Act: The Effect of a Congressional Attempt to Relax Standing Requirement, 65 Georgetown Law Journal 1231, June 1977

-Wise, EPA's Implementation of the Underground Storage Tank Provisions, RCRA/CERCLA: Practical Report, Government Institutes, Inc., December 1986

-Wise and Pawlukiewicz, The Clean Water Action Plan: Building Watershed Partnerships at the Local, Regional and National Levels, Watershed 2000 Proceedings, Water Environment Federation, July 2000